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INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON POPULATION

Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Honduras: draft resolution

Changing population growth and structures

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/51 of 3 December 1982, by which it endorsed the International Plan of Action on Aging, whose ultimate objective is the effective adjustment of societies to the aging of populations,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 40/30 of 29 November 1985, which emphasized that the elderly must be considered an important and necessary element in the development process at all levels within a given society,

Taking into consideration that the total global population aged sixty years and over will increase from 487 million in 1990 to 612 million in the year 2000 and 1.2 billion in the year 2025,

Taking also into consideration that by the year 2025 seventy one per cent of the over sixty population will be living in developing countries, which are the least prepared to economically, socially and culturally cope with this tremendous increase in their elderly population,

Concerned that the dramatic growth of the elderly population is posing a number of problems in such areas as the dependency burden, income consumption, savings, social security schemes, health care systems, informal support systems (particularly the family), labour force participation, mobility and prductivity,

Also concerned that the problems associated with the aging of populations are not limited to the aged but affect other population age groups, families, households and society at large,

Requests that the issue of pouplation aging and its interrelationship with development be given in-depth consideration in the international meeting on population planned to be held in 1994.